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## ***Employees help cops nab suspect, get statewide praise for their efforts***

Statewide news coverage and recognition by the Kentucky House of Representatives was the result after four Commonwealth of Kentucky employees on their lunch break helped Jackson police capture a fleeing suspect on Thursday, Sept. 7.

District 10 employees Ron Easter and Brandon Akers; Jarrod Morgan, District 10's information technology coordinator; and Larry Britton, a COT employee from Frankfort who was installing equipment in Jackson that day, were going to lunch at a local restaurant. They noticed a foot chase through a local shopping center involving a Jackson city police officer and decided to help the police capture the suspect.

The employees cornered the suspect, Paul Moore of Altro, behind a Jackson funeral home and ordered him to lie on the ground until officers could arrive to take him into custody.

Moore was arrested on Breathitt County charges of failing to appear in court, and was also wanted on sev-

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eral charges from Perry County.

Jackson Police Chief Clyde Caudill said his department had received a tip that the suspect was at the Social Security office, located in the shopping center. Caudill and two other officers went to the scene and Caudill said he encountered a subject matching Moore's description. When Caudill asked the suspect's identity, Moore gave a fictitious name and began running when the chief asked him to step aside and answer some questions.

The suspect ran through the shopping center, across a street and up a hill to the funeral home while the chief gave foot pursuit. The state employees, who were in a vehicle, were able to catch up to the fugitive and stop him until the chief got to the scene on foot.

"I appreciate the assistance that the personnel from the Department of Highways gave me in apprehending the fugitive," Caudill said. "Their help was very valuable."

"This act took considerable bravery and cour-

age," said Linda Wagner-Justice, chief district engineer for the Department of Highways District 10. "It shows that our employees are public-minded individuals who are always willing to make positive contributions to their communities. Their initiative is to be applauded."

Two of the employees may have had an added incentive for offering the assistance, Easter's son and Morgan's brother-in-law are law enforcement officers. Easter and Akers are Lee County residents; Morgan lives in Breathitt County.

After a press release highlighting the employees' actions was distributed statewide, news coverage followed. Stories were published in both The Courier-Journal and the Lexington Herald-Leader, and the Kentucky News Network picked up the story for radio coverage.

Following the notoriety gained by the employees, State Rep. Ted Edmonds of Jackson arranged for citations of appreciation, signed by House Speaker Jody Richards and himself, to be presented to the four employees.

## **Officials bring money to District 10 communities**



Stan Cave spoke in Estill County on Aug. 22.

Administration officials have been busy lately in District 10, making check presentations for city and county bond funds as well as KYTC construction projects.

Governor Ernie Fletcher, Chief of Staff Stan Cave and KYTC Secretary Bill Nighbert have all visited the district in recent weeks, bringing with them checks for various purposes that were received with pleasure and heartfelt thanks from local officials.

On July 18, as part of an appearance in Menifee County, Governor Fletcher presented road bond checks to Menifee County and the City of Frenchburg.

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On Aug. 23, while in Hazard, presented road bond checks to Perry County, the City of Hazard and the City of Vicco. He also presented checks for resurfacing and guardrail installation projects on state highways in Perry County.

Secretary Nighbert visited Lee County on Aug. 22 to present road bond checks for Lee County, Owsley County and the City of Beattyville, as well as for Jackson County in District 11. He also presented checks for state construction projects in the three counties.

Secretary Nighbert was joined that evening in Irvine by Chief of Staff Stan Cave for a check presentation during the Estill Development Alliance's annual meeting. Cave presented a road bond check to Estill County.

"In the past two years, local governments have received more additional state funding for their local road systems that at anytime in the history of the Commonwealth," Nighbert told those gathered at both the Lee and Estill events.

The secretary stressed that through improving efficiencies, the Transportation Cabinet has cut its workforce through attrition without sacrificing quality of work, thus enabling more money to be spent on highway improvement and maintenance than ever before. Nighbert said that by the end of the year, Kentucky will have let more than \$1 billion worth of contracts, which will represent a record construction letting.

During the Estill County event, Cave praised Nighbert's leadership of the Transportation Cabinet and said that he was dedicated to cleaning up problems created in the past and inherited by the current administration.



Secretary Nighbert spoke with Owsley County Judge Cale Turner while Ginger Wills chatted with Beattyville Mayor Charles Beach III.



Above, a banner emblazoned with the Kentucky Unbridled Spirit logo welcomed Secretary Nighbert to Beattyville. At left, Estill County officials displayed a Transportation Cabinet check presented to them by Chief of Staff Stan Cave.







## ***Congratulations to our retirees!***

A number of District 10 employees have retired over the past few months. Above, Roy Rogers, Stanley Arrowood and Woody Allen retired from the district office. At left, J.D. Howard retired from the Magoffin County maintenance crew. Other recent retirees include Robert Coffee from Morgan County construction; Jesse Bush, Robert Brown and Kenneth Bowman from Morgan County maintenance; Barbara Patrick from Magoffin County maintenance; Fred Evans from Perry County maintenance; Charles Faulkner from Powell County maintenance and Roger Charles from Beattyville Equipment. Congratulations and best wishes to all our retirees!







Above, Barb Collett and Bonnie Dunahoo celebrated August birthdays. At right, Corbett Caudill and Ron Easter helped Jarrod Morgan celebrate his 31st birthday. Below, employees enjoyed cake and ice cream to celebrate the July and August birthdays.



## ***Happy Birthdays!!!***



On Aug. 16, District Office personnel had a birthday celebration for those born in July and August.

Aric Skaggs, July 17  
 Steve May, July 17  
 Bob Dungan, July 26  
 Pat Caudell, July 26  
 Barbara Collett, Aug. 1  
 Jamie Duff, Aug. 5  
 Bill Madden, Aug. 11  
 Bonnie Dunahoo, Aug. 11  
 Debbie Benton, Aug. 14  
 Jarrod Morgan, Aug. 15  
 Doug Watts, Aug. 22  
 Willie Griffith, Aug. 23

Many happy returns to all our celebrants!



## ***Lee County crew goes smoke-free, drawing praise from governor***

At least one District 10 crew was not affected by the executive order, effective Aug. 1, banning smoking in state buildings.

The Lee County Maintenance crew was already smoke-free, the last of the smokers on the crew having given up the habit several weeks prior to the order.

That caught the eye of Governor Ernie Fletcher, who praised the Lee County crew's former smokers who quit.

"Smoking is one of the leading causes of preventable disease and premature death," said Governor Fletcher, who is also a physician. "It is great news for these employees and their families that they have decided to stop smoking. Smoking cessation is one of the cornerstones of the First Lady's 'Get Healthy Kentucky' initiative, and the First Lady and I offer our congratulations to the Lee County maintenance crew."

"Research shows that smokers miss more time off work due to illness than non-smokers," said Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert. "By quitting smoking, these Transportation Cabinet team members will become healthier and more productive in their professional and personal lives. My hat is certainly off to them and I hope they will remain smoke-free for the sake of their health."

"We are proud of the Lee County crew for their decision to stop smoking," said Linda Wagner-Justice, District 10 chief district engineer. "No doubt those who have quit smoking already feel better, are breathing easier, and are enjoying other health benefits. Nicotine addiction is tough to overcome, and we hope these employees will stay strong and not start back."

In addition to the obvious health and workplace productivity benefits, there is another bonus to the employees' decision.

"It sure makes cleaning up around the garage a whole lot easier," said Hargus Griffith, a Lee County maintenance crew employee. "With no cigarette butts to sweep up, there's a whole lot less trash."

The state offers smoking cessation classes for its employees through the Personnel Cabinet's Wellness Works Kentucky program. More information can be obtained by visiting <http://personnel.ky.gov/wellness/smokecess/>.

*(Note: After this press release was distributed, one of the crew members broke over and started smoking again, but he promises that he plans to quit in the near future.)*



## ***Congrats to District 10 2006 Rodeo winners***



**Overall winner, Kevin McIntosh (Lee County)**



**Backhoe winner, Greg Arvin (Estill County)**



**Alley dock winner, Dennie Hensley (Magoffin County)**



**Snowplow winner, L.C. Moore (Lee County)**



**Horseshoe winners, Keith Hammonds/Steve Watts**



**Basketball winner, Mike Riley (Breathitt County)**



# 2006 ROADEO SCENES





# Crystal Mapel takes part in summer career camp



**S**ummer Career Camp sponsored by Big Sandy Community & Technical College and the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center empowers middle school girls to pursue careers that use math and science skills. Students apply during their seventh grade year. Those who are accepted attend for a week all expenses paid (except for transportation to and from the Entrepreneur Center, Teays Branch Road, Paintsville). Engineering day at the camp this year featured four female engineers. Photo below, from left, Crystal Mapel, D-10 Resident Engineer; Mandy Collins-Justice, D-12 Design Engineer, Dewey Bocook, Bocook Engineering, sponsor of the day; Mary Westfall-Holbrook, D-12 Construction Engineer; and Robin Justice, D-12 Design Engineer. In addition to engineering, the girls explored careers in coal, banking, human services, and a variety of women-owned businesses.

*Thanks to Sara George from D-12 for this information!*



*Photos compliments of Judy Bocook, BSCTC*



## District 10 employees go above and beyond to help out where needed



**Steve  
Howard**

District 10 employees have always been willing to answer the call and go "above and beyond" when needed to help out elsewhere.

Currently, Steve Howard (left) from the Magoffin County maintenance crew is filling in as acting superintendent in Morgan County until a permanent superintendent can be hired. Howard has also previously served in a similar capacity in Magoffin County.

Last year, Kelly Noble Jr. (right) from the district Roadside crew served in a similar capacity in Wolfe County while a vacancy existed in the superintendent's position.



**Kelly  
Noble Jr.**

"We appreciate our employees who are willing to go the extra mile to help us out when they are needed," said Linda Wagner-Justice, District 10 chief district engineer. "Steve and Kelly were very agreeable to help fill in when we needed them. We are lucky to have a group of employees who are dedicated to doing the best job possible for the Transportation Cabinet. Kelly and Steve deserve thanks for their extra efforts and we are grateful to them."

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Crystal Mapel and Mike Taulbee, who were married on July 29 at the Providence Pentecostal Church in Jackson. Bryan Combs performed the ceremony.



### Calendar of Events

- Oct. 29 — Daylight Saving Time ends
- Oct. 31 — Halloween
- Nov. 7 — Election Day
- Nov. 10 — State offices closed for Veterans' Day
- Nov. 11 — Veterans' Day
- Nov. 23 — Thanksgiving (state offices closed)
- Nov. 24 — State offices closed

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